

# LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Haywain, Little Bromley on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015 at 19.30pm

**In Attendance:** Councillor N Stock (Chairman)  
Councillor K Hatch (Vice Chairman)  
Councillor R Knott  
Councillor A Spall  
Councillor D Newton

Approximately 4 members of the public

### 17/1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies.

### 17/2. MEMBERS INTERESTS

None. But can be declared at any point during the meeting

### 17/3. REPORTS

- a) County Councillor – (Carlo Guglielmi) Nothing received
- b) District Councillor (Neil Stock) Will be covered throughout agenda
- c) Parish Council – (Ken Hatch) Rung Fly Tipping Unit to report 10 black bags being dumped by Tennis Court / Church Road. Still awaiting a response.
- d) Footpath Warden – (Bob Barnett) Received via email. Reported that Foot bridge is rotten between shop road & Chequers Road, and a sign has gone missing, but nothing will be done until after hedge cutting.
- e) Tree Warden – (Anita Spall) Nothing

### 17/4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public reported that footpath at the bottom of Paynes Lane is overgrown.

**Action: Will report to Footpath warden.**

A member of the public asked if there was anything being done regarding grass / verge cutting by chequers road / shop road. Councillor Stock reported that he emailed Councillor Guglielmi who emailed Essex Highways, who was assured that it would be done, as it had originally been missed.

**Action: Councillor Stock to chase up again.**

### **17/5. Agree Minutes – 18.06.15**

- Minutes: Happy to agree – Councillor Spall proposed – Councillor Stock 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- 2014 – 2015 Audit. Dawn Sauka (Clerk) reported that has been audited by our own internal auditor, and are now with the external Auditors who are asking for further documentation.

**Action: To be deferred until next meeting.**

### **17/6. MAIN SEWERAGE / WATER**

Councillor Stock reported – District council is to reconstruct its rural infrastructure panel, which will be completely different to previous panel. This has yet to be set up, so there is currently nothing to report

**Action: Councillor Stock to report back when panel has been established.**

### **17/7. VILLAGE ENTRANCE GATES**

Councillor Stock reported that he has initiated a scheme with the local highways panel, regarding payment of the gates, which is currently in validation. Local Highways are responsible for these types of schemes, and other local councils such as Wix had their gates paid for by Essex County highways.

**Action: Councillor Stock to report back when correspondence is received from Essex County Highways**

### **17/8. TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL – Issues and options Consultation 2015**

Councillor Stock explained that every district council is under pressure from the government to come up with a local plan for housing. Therefore a housing assessment was carried out by an independent assessor, who recommended that 12,000 be built in the Tendring area over the next 16 years by 2032. (TDC negotiated this number down to 10,000). There have been several options put forward, and TDC have decided on the following 4.

**Option 1 – Hartley Garden Suburb** – A major development on greenfield land in North West Clacton.

**Option 2 – Weeley Garden Village** – New settlement to be built on greenfield land around the A133 at Weeley.

**Option 3 – Tendring Central Garden Village** – New settlement on greenfield land around the A120 at Frating

**Option 4 – High Urban Densities** – House building in higher density in or around our towns reducing need for greenfield land in other locations.

“Tendring Central Garden Village” will consist of 2,500 houses and an industrial area, to be built in and around Great Bromley. Therefore Great Bromley, Little Bentley, Frating

and Little Bromley councils have formed a group to oppose the proposal "Residents Against New Town". See leaflet. These are to be delivered in and around the area, urging members of the public to respond to the district council with an objection to the proposal on the basis that there is no infrastructure / rail link so therefore is not sustainable to support circa 5000 people. The more people that write in the greater the impact. It was agreed that a letter template would be drawn up, making it easier for the public to oppose on relevant grounds. A web site will also be set up, with the letter in pdf format, which will be easy to download. Information board to be set up in the Haywain Pub along with a box for objections to be posted.

A member of the public asked if infrastructure could be built ie, Doctors Surgery / School / Shops etc. It was agreed that could be a possibility, but there would still be no rail link.

A member of the public asked if TDC went with option 4 would this still mean building in Little Bromley – Councillor Stock stated that we are not urban, and not sustainable.

A member of the public asked what sort of prices the properties would be. Councillor Spall, stated that there would only be a very small percentage of affordable housing.

Councillor Stock proposed that we donate £50 out of Parish funds to "RANT" to support the campaign - Unanimous

**Tendering District Council is to undertake a six week public consultation between the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 to 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015 on the "Tendering District Local Plan" This plan will be on view at the following public exhibitions:-**

- **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2015 10.00am to 3.00pm – Pier Avenue Baptist Church, Welcome Hall, Pier Avenue, Clacton.**
- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015 10.00 am to 9.00pm – Council offices, Thorpe Road, Weeley.**
- **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015 3.00pm to 7.30pm – Park Pavilion, Barrack Lane, Harwich.**
- **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2015 12.30pm – to 4.30pm – Clacton Coastal Academy, Jaywick Lane, Clacton.**

### **17/9. BANK ACCOUNT**

Account still needs to have address changed to that of the Clerks, and additional signatory.

**Action: Councillor Spall to obtain appropriate forms.**

### **17/10. STREET LIGHT**

Councillor Knott reported that the bulb had now been taken out. The reason for the flickering and noise, was that one of the connections has eroded. Offered 3 options :- a) To leave as is – b) To change to LED low cost bulb, (which will involve employing an electrician as wiring would need changing) c) To buy a new bulb to replace original.

Councillor Stock stated that correspondence had been received from Elmstead Parish Council stating that E-on have recently put their prices up 35% to 12.40p per kWh, therefore our electricity payment were due to increase as we are on a fixed supply.

**Action: To leave as it is for the moment. Councillor Knott to obtain costings.**

### **17/11. VAS SIGN (Vehicle activated sign)**

Councillor Stock has written to the Cabinet member of Essex County Council who is responsible for the Highways panel. Response was received stating that they are looking into it.

**Action: Councillor Stock awaiting response from Essex County Council**

### **17/12. WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS - LORRIES USING BENTLEY ROAD /SHOP ROAD**

Concerns were raised at last meeting as to whether the signs still existed. It was confirmed that they do. Councillor Knott stated that there was a heavy number of vehicles over the 7.5 tons that were using the road, especially now that there are restricted closures on the A120 due to road works. Councillor Knott proposed motion to take to the relevant authority for punitive action against lorries. Suggestion made to have a sign placed on A120 before turning.

Proposed – Councillor Knott – Unanimously agreed

**Action: Councillor Stock to take forward to relevant authority**

### **17/13. Essex County Council – Highways – Overgrown Vegetation on verges, hedges and Public footpaths.**

Correspondence received from Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council, regarding ECC Highways failure to address the cutting and maintenance of the Verges, highways & Footpaths.

**Action: None to be taken.**

### **17/14. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a) New House Farm
- b) April Cottage
- c) Graeston
- d) ~~The Shop~~
- e) Change of Constitution

Planning applications received – all were considered to be minor applications, and our support was reported back to the District Council.

Planning applications should be dealt with within 8 weeks from the date received by District Council – Consultation is then sent to Parish Council, which does not always fall within the time slot, to be added to the next agenda.

Therefore the Chairman proposed that we delegate the power to the Chair, in consultation with the other Councillors, to decide on planning applications and then report at the next meeting of the Council. Should there be any disagreement then an Extra Ordinary meeting will be called. It was agreed that the Standing Orders will be amended to include this.

**Agreed unanimously**

### **17/15. TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL – Part-Night Street Lighting with Tendring**

Correspondence received from TDC regarding Essex County Council proposal to turn back on the District's street lights at night. Currently they are being turned off between 1am & 5am, which people have complained about. Proposal made by councillors at Tendring that Tendring council should pay to have them put back on in Tendring, so effectively paying for the lights twice costing 186K. Councillor Stock proposed that the power to decide should be handed over to TDC so that they are able to decide if certain streets are to be turned back on in certain areas, and respond that we don't want the street lights back on, as we would effectively be paying for others, as we don't have any ourselves. Proposed: Neil Stock - Unanimously agreed

**Action: Clerk to send a response to TDC.**

## **17/16. CORRESPONDENCE**

- **Letter of explanation sent to PKF Littlejohn.**  
Regarding lateness of Audit papers.
- **Highways England – Closure of A120 between 17<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> August**  
Objection sent
- **Essex Community – Dog watch**  
Highlighting the fact that it will become a legal requirement as from 2016 to have dogs chipped. Free chipping to be provided by at Dog Watch events across Tendring.

## **17/17. 10k RUN AROUND LITTLE BROMLEY - In aid of Church fence fund**

Fence around the churchyard is now in need of a repaint. PCC that is responsible for managing it, does not have the funds to purchase the paint which is in the region of £2,500 (long lasting paint). Councillor Knott has suggested a 10K run to be held on the morning of Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2016, entrance fee of £6 per person, to help raise funds, which he is willing to organise. There will be a children's race over 2K to start at 10.30am – Main race of 10K to start at 11am, round the lanes of Little Bromley, starting and ending at the church. At the church would also be a festival atmosphere with few stalls / musical entertainment and Morris Dancers, which will be organised by William Marshall to help make this an event. Refreshments and advertisement has also been organised. Harwich runners have agreed that for this year they will provide equipment at no cost to the village. Only cost involved would be to provide Port-a-loos. Article to be put into Messenger in December.

Will review after, in the view to making this an annual event.

## **17/18. URGENT ITEMS**

### **17/19. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Councillor Knott stated that he received email correspondence from Les Nicholls (after agenda went out) regarding "Tendering Older Person Crucial Crew". Which is for people over the age of 55, held at the Princess Theatre in Clacton, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October with a free lunch provided. There are 16 different service providers ie. Trading Standards & Rogue Traders / Police Service & Security / Fire service & Safety etc. advising how you could make your life more secure. Poster to go on notice boards – 01376 576721 [les.nicoll@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:les.nicoll@essex-fire.gov.uk) for details.

A member of the public reported that the private hedgerow at War Memorial has become overgrown. Councillor Stock stated that it is classed a historic hedgerow, and will have to wait until the end of the summer when the owner is willing to have it cut. Cannot enforce as it is not intruding onto the carriageway.

Councillor Spall stated that due to the new road lay out happening of the A120, the new roundabout to be put at Hare Green will have street lights on throughout the night. Councillor Stock stated that there has been no consultation regarding these alterations, and felt that due to the recent new 50 MPH speed restrictions, this decision should have waited. Councillor Knott stated that the new lay out should reduce heavy traffic passing through the village.

**Meeting closed at 20.40pm**

**Next meeting to be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2015**